

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Scott McKeown on 2/27/2008.

The claims are to be amended as shown in the new set of claims attached to this office action.

Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The applicant's argument that the combination of Rangan and Marsh does not teach auxiliary data items including, at least, a validity term and conditions relative to the assignment of rights for editing attributes of each auxiliary data item is persuasive because the access keys taught by Rangan apply to all of the hyperlinks and not each auxiliary data item. Furthermore, the applicant is persuasive in that neither Rangan nor Marsh teaches validity terms or rights for editing attributes as described in the applicant's specification on pages 29-31. None of the other prior art of record was found to anticipate or make obvious these limitations in the context of the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DOUGLAS B. BLAIR whose telephone number is (571)272-3893. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on (571) 272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Douglas B Blair/

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